

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the notification of allowable subject matter, i.e. that claim 30 would be allowable if re-written in independent form. The pending claims recite features of that allowed claim 30.

Claims 1-7, 19 and 30-38 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 41-60 have been added. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments. For instance, support for the new claims appears e.g. at page 6, lines 10-11; page 6, line 25 through page 7, line 4; page 9, lines 23-26; page 10, lines 18-20; page 19, lines 12-15; page 22, lines 25-26; and the original claims of the application.

Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 over Sheares (U.S. Patent 6,100,373).

Claims 32-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 over Rahman (U.S. Patent 5,580,700).

Claims 1-6 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Sheares (U.S. Patent 6,100,373) in view of Kelly et al. (U.S. Patent 5,246,014).

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Sheares (U.S. Patent 6,100,373) in view of Kelly et al. (U.S. Patent 5,246,014) and further in view of Ochai et al.

For the sake of brevity, the several rejections are addressed in combination.

While Applicants disagree with the rejections, it is also believed that the rejections are obviated by the amendments made herein. As noted above, the pending claims recite features of claim 30, which claim was indicated to be allowable.

In view thereof, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested.

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It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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